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Dr Nita Mawar, MSc. (Anthropology), PhD (Delhi Univ), PGDBE (IGNOU), joined UWA, Pune in 1992. She held positions of Treasurer and Vice President in late nineties. She carried out a collaborative study UWA-P- ICMR-NARI, where she had been a Senior Scientist, retiring as Director in Charge in 2024. Her collaborative study on Women's reproductive health concerns in context of HIV AIDS baseline data was presented at Perth IFUW Conference by Ms Veena Bathe. The final results of the study for sustainable development were presented by Dr Mawar at Geneva 33rd GWI conference.

She was responsible for initiating Research and Development Unit of UWA Pune. She conducted two workshops for "Writing Project Proposals" at UWA, Pune and at IFUWA CC meeting at Nagpur. She was the Joint Secretary of IFUWA when UWA Pune was its HQ 2011-2014. She also conducted a Seminar at World Women's Conference in Hyderabad in 2014, inviting six members from GWI, the then IFUW.

She was nominated as a Trustee of UWA Pune (2013-2017) and later as Management Trustee in last two years.

Dr Mawar has been associated with IFUW from the time she became a member. She was nominated as a member of the Project Development Committee (2013-2016). As a member of PDC she contributed in developing an assessment tool to objectively review project proposals, thereby eliminating bias for fair selection of good quality projects for funding by VGIF.

This enabled her to conduct a workshop at Cape Town in 2016 at 32<sup>nd</sup> Conference with other PDC members by inviting NFAs to present their VHIF funded projects at conference. This encouraged the participants to disseminate their project results to a wider audience of GWI members of other countries and delegates of various organizations.

She was nominated to be the Convener of GWI's Project Development Committee from 2016-2019. She ensured that the PDC membership represented different regions with her interactions with the GWI. She presented her report at the General Assembly of GWI in 2019 at Geneva.

In 2019, at the GWI 33rd Conference she presented two papers, one based on collaborative study with NARI and another on environment with an Indian colleague from UWA Delhi, Dr Sushma Moitra.

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Dr Mawar was nominated again at 33<sup>rd</sup> Conference as Convener GWI-PDC 2019-2022. As Convener her major role is to lead interaction and coordination with the PDC members and GWI as per the GWI norms. The responsibilities of the Committee involve, timely reviewing of applications based on unbiased review of proposals received by GWI through their call for proposals. Where required recommend modification of proposals, prepare a summary and submit to GWI for possible funding. Once funded, the midterm reports are asked, reviewed and reported to GWI. Final reports are similarly reviewed. This process continues for the three years of the PDC where each year projects would be called for, funds to be managed through VGIF and other sources too.

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